

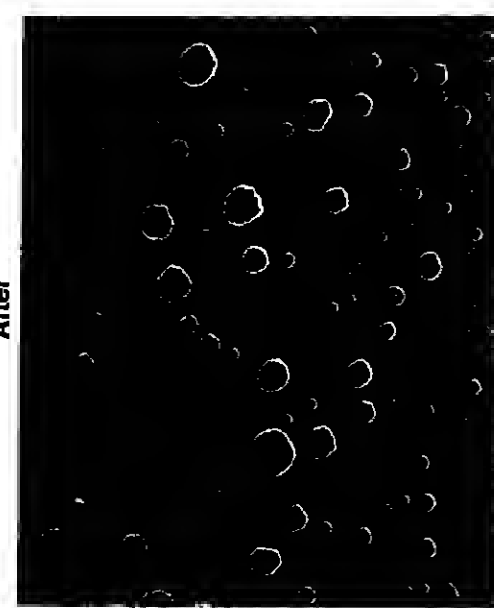
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## Volcanology

6539 Volcanology topics (geodetic measurements). ADVISER OF SURFACE DEFORMATION DATA, ILIUSIA VOLCANO, HAWAII: OCTOBER 1986 TO SEPTEMBER 1970. J. Donald (University of Hawaii), Hawaii National Park, Hawaii 96718, A. Okuma, and J. Dietrich.

A least-squares matrix inversion technique has been applied to surface displacement measurements gathered at Kilauea volcano, Hawaii, in an attempt to locate centers of intrusive activity. This technique is an iterative procedure which utilizes analytic expressions for the displacements field arising from dilatational sources in an elastic half-space and may be used to determine the location and volume of the source. A variety of simple elastic model geometries for possible intrusive bodies in the summit region of Kilauea have been tested ranging from small spherical or ellipsoidal bodies to linear segments of infinite length and of either vertical or horizontal orientation. The standard deviations determined for each of the various elastic model geometries indicate that the vertical ellipsoidal model geometries indicate that the various types of deformation data routinely collected at Kilauea to determine the location and the volume of the intrusion.

Assuming that the volume of elastic material is directly related to the volume of intruded material, the rate of magma supplied to the summit region of Kilauea can be determined from analysis of successive leveling surveys. Over a thirteen month non-eruptive period which preceded the eruption of Kilauea, the average rate of magma supply was estimated to be 0.03 cubic kilometers per year. The total accumulated volume at any one time during this period did not deviate from this average rate by more than 0.03 cubic kilometers (Goodrich, 1979, p. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100).

Observations (Harris et al. 1981) for an ash cloud formed during the peak eruption rate at Mount St. Helens. Sufficiency factors for very dense ash clouds ( $10^{-3}$  g m<sup>-3</sup>) are several orders of magnitude smaller than for more weathered and less dense ash clouds. The ash clouds are considered to be composed of ash particles, volcanic ash, and volcanic ash.

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## NASA Global Tropospheric Experiment

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A major research effort, the Global Tropospheric Experiment (GTE), has been initiated by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to study the chemistry of the global troposphere and its interaction with the stratosphere, land, and ocean. The project currently involves approximately 20 principal investigators from 16 different institutions and is expected to expand over the next decade. The first phase of the project is aimed at developing and validating measurement techniques for trace species in tropospheric chemical cycles. It is designed to lead toward development and implementation of a cooperative research program involving NASA scientists sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, other government agencies, and research institutions abroad. The goal of the GTE is to understand the chemical cycles that control the composition of the global troposphere and its changes.

The NASA GTE is managed through the Tropospheric Chemistry Program in the Earth Science and Applications Division of the Office of Space Science and Applications. It has evolved from the recommendations of a series of scientific working groups composed of more than 100 members of the atmospheric sciences community. The immediate emphasis of the GTE is on the development, testing, and evaluation of measurement techniques that can achieve, under field conditions, the extreme sensitivity required to measure atmospheric concentrations of key chemical species, which can in some cases reach as low as  $10^{-12}$  and will exert great influence on the global tropospheric composition. The second phase of the GTE will focus on wide-spread, systematic measurements supported by modeling and laboratory studies to understand the principal processes that govern key chemical cycles in the troposphere. A major element of the second phase of the experiment will be an overall sampling program to characterize global distributions and fluxes of numerous tropospheric trace species.

The third phase of the Global Tropospheric Experiment is anticipated to begin in the early 1990's and will focus on global scale investigations of principal tropospheric chemical and transport processes with space-based measurement as a major tool. Many of the mission and design specifications for tropospheric chemistry measurements from space would be formulated on the basis of results of the aircraft studies, supported by extensive modeling.

## Scientific Rationale

Human activities have reached a scale sufficient to impact the atmosphere on a global scale, with the best known examples being increasing levels of  $\text{CO}_2$  related to fossil fuel combustion and the probable depletion of stratospheric ozone through photochemistry induced by nitrogen and halogen compounds ( $\text{NO}_x$  and chlorofluorocarbons). Other gases, such as  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , are also believed to be increasing, based on preliminary data from ambient air monitoring combined with studies of fossil gases in ice cores. A variety of photochemical, biological, and climatic factors influence sources and sinks for atmospheric species of carbon, nitrogen, and sulfur. The goal of the Tropospheric Chemistry Program is to increase our understanding of chemical and physical processes that control the composition of the atmosphere with special emphasis on the potential global impact of human activities. The role of the global troposphere as the source and sink for substances in the stratosphere, the details of the troposphere-stratosphere interchange, and the process that control global tropospheric ozone are of particular interest to NASA, as is the eventual development of enhanced capability to study the troposphere and its composition from space.

At NASA's request, a scientific Working Group, headed by John H. Seinfeld of the California Institute of Technology, undertook a major effort in 1978-1980 to identify scientific objectives and make recommendations on appropriate research and development tasks that NASA should undertake to contribute to an understanding of tropospheric chemistry and to begin the development of space-based systems to study it. The Working Group's findings have been published as NASA Reference Publication 1062, "Report of the NASA Working Group on Tropospheric Chemistry Planning." The Working Group recommended that NASA expand its ongoing tropospheric research program to provide the critical information needed for more complete understanding of the atmosphere on the regional to global scale where space-based measurements appear to offer the most promising advantages in the long run. The Working Group recommended the following scientific goals of the program:

1. Establishment of global atmospheric concentration distributions and budgets of three elements and compounds believed to be of key importance in global biogeochemical cycles.

2. Determination of the cause-and-effect relationships between these observed distributions and dominant controlling factors, such as atmospheric chemical transformations, biological and atmospheric source and sink strengths, and atmospheric transport.

To achieve these goals, the Working Group recommended a broad program of investigations in four Tropospheric Chemistry Program elements: modeling and data analysis, laboratory studies, field measurements, and technology development.

A second scientific working group was convened in July 1981 to identify specific research tasks related to the development and use of modeling in the design of global tropospheric field experiments. The results of

## Forum

## The Etymology of "El Chichón"

The eruption of El Chichón in the state of Chiapas, Mexico, in spring 1982 is clearly an important event for the study of volcanic effects on climate. Many reports have already appeared describing properties of the dust cloud (Robock, 1983), and comparisons of observed and calculated atmospheric effects have been undertaken (e.g., Quinn, 1983). We have meanwhile noted confusion regarding the meaning of the name of the volcano, and it is the intent of this note to clarify this problem.

One meaning given in various dictionaries is "easy, presenting no problem, testing, joke-playing (Central and South America)—seems irrelevant and will not be treated further here."

Robock (1983) states that "El Chichón" in Spanish means bump or swelling from blow to the head; also, bruise; from Latin *abcessus*, tumor. (Source: Spanish Royal Academy, *Diccionario de la lengua española* (18th ed., 1956).) Note: A remote English cognate for *chichón* is therefore *abcess*. Indeed, this is the only definition carried in the Spanish Royal Academy's *Diccionario*. However, Spaniards and Latin Americans whose vocabulary goes beyond the dictionary are aware of other connotations, and some will readily refer to the highly popular, mildly erotic use of the word given in *Santamaria* (1959): *Augmentative formed from *chiche*, which means navel, gland or nipple. Feminine counterpart of *chichón* and another derivative, *chichón*, are *chichón*, *chichón*, meaning, for example, a heavily-endowed woman. (Note: *Chiche*, in dialect, or *chicha*, is from the Basque *txika*.) Indeed the association of this meaning with the volcano has been suggested in a lively letter to *Reduct* from the British Ambassador in Mexico, Sir Caiquin Tickle (February 28, 1983), citing no less an authority than the former President of Mexico, José López Portillo, Alal.*

Careful research, however, leads to a different conclusion. The scholarly and comprehensive *Diccionario de Mesoamérica* (Santamaria, 1959) points to a more logical direct meaning for "El Chichón": The name given

by the people of the states of Chiapas and Tabasco to a most beautiful palm plant (*Esopeia mexicana*, Liebm.) which grows to more than 2 m in height on the mountainsides, bearing a delicious-tasting, spindle-shaped fruit about 10 cm long. A *chichón* is an area with these palms. (Note: According to Medina (1982), the fruit itself has the name of "chichón.") That this is the proper meaning to be associated with the volcano has been confirmed by Ignacio Galindo, Director of the Mexican Institute of Geophysics (private communication, 1983), who further called attention to the documentation by Medina (1982), from which I quote, in translation:

"The area near the volcano presented a great abundance of a species of palm, *Espeyia mexicana* Liebm., whose fruit is named *chichón*, which is the basis for naming the volcano Chichón or Chichón de San Mateo." (1959). It is appropriate to note that the official name assigned in the Catalog of Active Volcanoes of the World, published in 1958, is that of Chichón."

Thus it is clear that "El Chichón" refers to the palm, or its fruit, identified by Santamaria. The shape of the fruit described by Santamaria further raises the possibility, to this writer, that the fruit itself may have been named with Santamaria's other meaning (nipple) in mind. In situ discussions with some of the older inhabitants of Chiapas may be needed to resolve this aspect of the problem.

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this working group are published as NASA Conference Publication 2251, "Applying Modeling Results in Designing a Global Tropospheric Experiment." The principal findings reported in this document are as follows:

1. The chemical species most critical to advancing the understanding of heterogeneous gas-phase chemistry of the troposphere include OH, NO, and  $\text{NO}_2$ . Techniques for measurement of these species in the nonurban, remote atmosphere are under development but have not yet demonstrated satisfactory accuracy or precision. Completion of instrument research, development, and testing for measurement of OH, NO, and  $\text{NO}_2$  in the remote troposphere is a top-priority activity.

2. There is a second group of gaseous chemical species, including  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , halogens, certain trace metals, and reduced sulfur species, for which it is possible to make accurate, precise measurements both on the ground and from aircraft. The global concentration distribution of these species needs to be determined. Any field program should include both ground measurements and vertical profiles of these species. Data on seasonal variability at specific sites and interhemispheric concentration gradients for these species are of particular importance.

3. Working group members concerned with measurements in the boundary layer placed strong emphasis on the need to develop capabilities for direct measurement of chemical fluxes between earth surface sources and sinks, the boundary layer, the free troposphere, and the stratosphere. A recommendation was made that additional fast-response chemical sensors be developed to increase capabilities for airborne flux measurements, with emphasis on particular needs for flux data on  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , methane hydrocarbons, and gaseous reduced sulfur species over oceans, tropical forests, wetlands, and areas of biomass burning.

4. To quantify global tropospheric budgets of chemical species such as  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , exchange between the troposphere and stratosphere must be investigated in detail. The working group on stratosphere-troposphere exchange recommended a program of field measurements in mid-latitude tropopause fold structures; these are regions of active stratosphere-troposphere exchange and large chemical gradients. Meteorological techniques using potential vorticity can be used to guide aircraft chemical sampling and to extrapolate results to global fluxes. A second recommendation of particular importance for assessing stratosphere-troposphere exchange is the Inter-tropical Convergence Zone, where high altitude cumulus towers penetrate the tropopause.

5. In the area of modeling research needs for global tropospheric studies, the working

group stressed the need for emphasis on the development of coupled dynamic-photochemical models to explore the global budgets of  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CO}$ , and other critical chemical species. One-dimensional and two-dimensional models will continue to play a critical role in regional transport and geochemical budget studies and also in exploring new chemical reaction schemes.

6. Longer-range goals for a global tropospheric research program must include understanding the role of complex heterogeneous processes in global budgets. The working group recognized that while extensive research is currently in progress on regional air pollution chemistry, studies of heterogeneous processes in remote, nonurban tropospheric regions are in the very early stages of development. In the next few years, particular emphasis must be placed on the development of both collection and analytical techniques for ground and airborne measurements of gas-particle reactions, precipitation scavenging processes, and chemical deposition in oceanic and remote continental regions.

7. The working group stressed the importance of careful research into the monitoring of long-term trends in long-lived tropospheric trace gases such as  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , and certain halocarbon species. It was felt that NASA should explore its potentially unique role for developing space techniques for long-term monitoring of the global troposphere.

NASA has responded to the recommendations of the working groups by directing its ongoing Tropospheric Chemistry Program toward a coordinated research effort to meet the recommended scientific goals. The investigations that make up this research program are collectively referred to as the Global Tropospheric Experiment.

## Research Program

## GTE Phase I: Chemical Instrumentation Test and Evaluation (CITE)

The principal thrusts of the first phase of the GTE include new and expanded investigations aimed at the development of advanced technologies for measurement of OH, NO, and  $\text{NO}_2$  and other key trace gases and aerosols.

During this first phase of the Global Tropospheric Experiment, investigations will emphasize (1) improvements in instrument detection limits for measurement of the very low concentrations of OH, NO, and  $\text{NO}_2$  in

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Laura L. Lundberg, a first-year graduate student in chemistry at the University of California, San Diego, is the recipient of the 1983 June Bacon-Bercey Scholarship for Women in Atmospheric Sciences. The scholarship, administered by AGU, is provided through a gift from June Bacon-Bercey, a noted meteorologist.

Lundberg's association with atmospheric sciences is recent. She received a B.A. in chemistry in May 1982 from Douglass College, Rutgers University, where she worked with G. F. Herzog in studying beryllium-40 in

sediment and soil samples from the Maurice River-Union Lake system in New Jersey. That research generated an article in the May 20, 1983, issue of the *Journal of Geophysical Research* (vol. 88, Lundberg et al., pp. 4181-4504).

When she entered the Ph.D. program at the University of California, Lundberg's intention was to specialize in cosmochemistry; she has since worked on an atmospheric chemistry project of M. Thiemens and J. Heidenreich that has implications for cosmochemistry. The research involves finding a method for collecting atmospheric ozone to measure its isotopic ratios. The project may yield a new tracer for stratospheric and tropospheric mixing.

While many chemists look to private industry for career opportunities, Lundberg's goals are somewhat different. "My specific goals after earning a Ph.D. are to continue research first as a post-doctoral fellow in order to broaden my analytical experience and knowl-

edge... and then ultimately to pursue an academic career." Lundberg is the sixth recipient of the Bacon-Bercey Scholarship. Offered to first-year graduate students, it undergrates who have been accepted to graduate programs, and to students beginning a B.A. program after receiving an A.A., the \$500 award is given to a woman who is starting out on a promising career in the atmospheric sciences. AGU's Education and Human Resources Committee, in consultation with the Atmospheric Sciences Section, selects the winner.

AGU is again offering the scholarship for the 1984-1985 school year. For application forms and for details about eligibility requirements, write or call AGU Member Programs Division, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20009 (telephone: 202-462-6903). The deadline for applications is May 1, 1984.—BD

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